

mandatory quorum under rule XXII being waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. BENNETT. For the information of all Senators, when the Senate reconvenes on Wednesday at 9 a.m., there will be 45 minutes of debate prior to a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the missile defense bill. That vote should occur at approximately 9:45 a.m. If cloture is not invoked, the Senate will resume consideration of the Interior appropriations bill. At 4:30, assuming cloture is not invoked on the missile defense legislation, the Senate will begin 30 minutes of debate prior to a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the bankruptcy bill. That vote will occur at approximately 5 p.m. Therefore, Members should expect votes throughout Wednesday's session, with the first vote occurring at approximately 9:45 a.m.

MEASURE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3682

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I understand H.R. 3682, the child custody protection bill, is at the desk. I now ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3682) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

Mr. BENNETT. I ask for its second reading and I object to my own request on behalf of Senators on the other side of the aisle.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order, following the additional remarks of the distinguished Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Democratic leader.

REQUEST TO WORK OVERTIME

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Utah. I want to explain, again, what transpired just a couple of moments ago with regard to our unanimous consent request.

For the information of all Senators, we made the request that the Senate have the opportunity to take up the HMO reform bill, the House-passed HMO reform bill, Calendar No. 505, and that it be the pending business every day after the completion of the legislative business as outlined by the majority leader and the distinguished Senator from Utah today.

Why are we suggesting this? We are proposing this because many of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle have said that we do not have time to take up a careful consideration of HMO reform; we don't have the ability to consider a number of amendments that ought to be considered with legislation as complex as this.

We understand that the Senate has spent days on other bills—150 amendments on the defense bill, over 100 amendments on the highway bill, and over 50 amendments on just about every appropriations bill each. But the Republican leadership has said all we ought to have on HMO reform is three amendments. Why? Because we don't have time. That has been their premise. We don't have time to deal with this issue, but we have time to deal with a missile defense bill that we will debate in the morning, that would commit hundreds of billions of dollars over the course of many years to a missile system that has failed every single time it has been tested to date.

The only criteria we would use to evaluate that system is technological feasibility, regardless of cost, regardless of effectiveness, and regardless of its implications for treaties around the world. Our Republican colleagues are asking us to commit to a missile defense system, opposed by the Pentagon, that would commit hundreds of billions of dollars. That is what the vote is about tomorrow, and we have time for it. But we don't have time for dealing directly with the concerns of millions of Americans who day by day are shut out of a health system because their insurance company is playing doctor.

We are simply saying, if we don't have time, let's make time. Let's do what others have already done in past

Congresses and certainly in other situations where production becomes a problem. Let us add a second shift. Let us address this issue on the second shift. Let's work longer. Let's make more hours. Let's do what we must to complete our work.

It is only 6:20, and Senators have already left for the day. We didn't have a vote until 3:30 this afternoon to accommodate Senators who were traveling. Senators have just arrived. I am sure they would be more than willing to stay for a few hours more to debate and to consider carefully the HMO reform bill—6:20 in the evening and people are gone. Tomorrow we start with a vote at 9:30. We will have another vote at 5 o'clock, and we may be gone again.

Mr. President, we are simply asking our colleagues to put in a full day's work, to do what others would do under these circumstances—to add a second shift, to work overtime, to complete our work in what days we have left in this session of Congress.

We will continue to push for this approach and offer it in a sequence of requests simply to make the point that at 6:20 in the afternoon, our work shouldn't be done. At 6:20 in the afternoon, we shouldn't be leaving. I don't understand why we couldn't have completed our work on campaign finance reform. I don't understand why we shouldn't be on the floor debating that issue right now. But everybody is gone, and the clock keeps ticking and the calendar pages turn, and time runs out.

We can run out the clock, but there is no reason why we can't make that clock work harder. There isn't any reason why we can't work longer, and we will make every effort to assure that the Senate does its job. I regret very much that we are not doing it tonight. I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 9 a.m., Wednesday, September 9.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:21 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 9, 1998, at 9 a.m.